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WEATHER FORECAST.—Wednesday partly cloudy.

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\$1.00 to \$1.50 a Yard.

If you're going to St. Louis this spring or summer, or on any trip where your gown is likely to be subjected to hard wear, we know of nothing that will serve you better than these manish effect cloths from one dollar to two dollars a yard.

They'll not only stand hard knockabout service, but they'll stand it with credit, keeping their stylish appearance for a long time.

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HOW THEY REACHED THE ROCK BOTTOM

Thirty-four Homeless Men Spent at the Methodist Institute Breakfast.

Services of a rather remarkable character are being held several times a week at the Methodist Institute, on East Main Street. The very greatest interest is being taken, and the promise of notable results is very bright.

On Sunday morning a breakfast for the homeless was given in the midst of a service conducted by Mr. L. L. Thomas, secretary of the Richmond Young Men's Christian Association. The attendance was large. Thirty-four men of all ages, representing a dozen different countries, spoke briefly. Some of them were treading on rock-bottom, and were in tatters and begrimed. They made no pretense of being converted, but merely spoke briefly, many telling how they reached a plight that forced them to eat from the table of charity.

Next week the Bijou will have another of Charles P. Blane's productions, "The Factory Girl." All the excitement of all melodramas is contained in this play.

AT THE THEATRES.

Marie Cahill—different from others. That is, in a few words, a very different description of the comedienne who appeared at the Academy yesterday in the clever musical comedy, "Nancy Brown." She is different from others, just as May Irwin, of whom, by the way, she reminds her eyes and shows a row of perfect teeth. She is different from others, just as May Irwin, of whom, by the way, she reminds her eyes and shows a row of perfect teeth. She is different from others, just as May Irwin, of whom, by the way, she reminds her eyes and shows a row of perfect teeth.

Miss Percy Haswell.

The season of stock productions has been ushered in at the Academy most auspiciously. The George Fawcett company, with a charming Percy Haswell as the leading lady, commenced a ten weeks' engagement at that house Monday night. The play for the first week behind that powerful drama, "Sowing the Wind." The play has been seen here before, and therefore is not altogether new to the audience. In this play it deals with a question with which society is always confronted. It is "sex against sex," with the sex of the man and the sex of the woman. There should be one law for the man and another for the woman, in judging the same sin. There are some very pretty scenes in this play, and they cannot fail to impress an audience.

Miss Haswell sustained the reputation she has made in the city as a very clever actress. Her reading of the part of Rosemond is very convincing. Mr. Eugene Ormonde does good work as Mr. Harbazon, and Mr. Alton Stephens as Mr. Watkins. Captain Jones, Mr. De Witt Jennings, an old favorite here, while having little opportunity, makes the most of his part, and, as usual, appears to make-up of that of itself is worthy of notice.

Mr. Edwin Evans, a Richmond boy, while only having a "bit," gives a decidedly clever reading of the part. It is to be hoped the success of the production of the company will afford him more opportunities, for though lacking any great experience, he has the ability to be recognized, and he will be quite capable of giving a good account of himself when the time comes.

Mr. Regan, a Hagerstown boy, is popular with the matinee girls. Mr. Allan Fawcett gets a good deal out of the part of Lord Paternoster. Mr. Hagerstown and Miss Agnes Everett are acceptable in their respective roles.

With such an excellent company and a leading lady of such ability as Miss Percy Haswell, Richmond theatre-goers will be afforded the opportunity of witnessing one of the most successful seasons in the history of the production of this week is any evidence. The Fawcett Company should have a matinee to-day, and also on Friday. The Fawcett Company on Saturday has to give way to "The Wizard of Oz."

"The Wizard of Oz." The gorgeous extravaganza, which will be at the Academy Saturday, matinee and night, is not only the most noteworthy success in the history of American extravaganza, but it is probably the finest spectacle ever mounted upon the stage. There is something in the new entertainment to recommend it to players of all tastes and intelligences besides mere spectacle. The chief fine-makers, the Scarecrow and the Tin Woodman, go about their work in a hearty, exuberant way, that makes a social evening.

The cast of "The Wizard of Oz" is especially strong in attractive femininity. Sources of laughter and merriment make up the

REGRET NOW NOT GOING

Virginia Congressmen in Washington Yesterday Found Time Passing Slowly.

YOUNG VIRGINIANS WED

Many Who Went to Washington on Mrs. Gill's Excursion United.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—The members of the House of Representatives from Virginia, as well as the two senators, who did not attend the launching of the Virginia at Newport News, are disposed to regret that they did not do so, owing to the beautiful weather and the fact that none of the measures of especial interest to Virginians came up. But it was impossible to foresee this, and they thought it best to remain here. Mr. Maynard went, as the shipyards are in his district, and Representative Lamb probably attended also, as he was in Richmond.

The friends of the Portland Exposition are disposed to criticize Representative Jones, of Virginia, for his vote against a suspension of the rules yesterday for the purpose of bringing the bill appropriating \$750,000 to the aid of the Exposition to be taken up. Mr. Maynard, who is so deeply interested in the success of the Jamestown Exposition, did all he could to have a solid vote from Virginia for the Portland people, but failed, and some of the latter are expressing their resentment at the Virginians because of their not voting solidly for the suspension of the rules in order to allow of the consideration of the bill making the appropriation to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. But the Virginians explain that Mr. Jones has conscientiously voted against all government appropriations for exhibitions, and that had he voted for the appropriation to Portland he would have been criticised on the ground of inconsistency.

Mr. Jones has not yet returned to the Jamestown Exposition, and it is not known whether he will do so.

PROPOSED TOBACCO LAW.

Representative Flood said to-day he did not much care whether the law lowering the sale of tobacco "in the hand" without the payment of the tax of six cents a pound became a law or not. The law at present forbids such sales, but it has never been enforced in this respect in Virginia, and the grower has always sold his tobacco "in the hand," though there have been numbers of cases where arrests and prosecutions have followed the sale of twisted tobacco. Mr. Flood and Mr. Gaines introduced bills which sought to abolish the tax on the sale of twisted tobacco, but the committee of the House refused to approve of the measure, and the Committee on Ways and Means likewise refused to allow it to be favorably reported, and will allow the compromise measure to go to the House only upon an agreement that no attempt will be made by the Democrats to amend it.

Representative Hay, as a member of the joint committee of conference on the military appropriation bill, is deeply interested in the work, and is standing up against all increases of appropriation made by the Senate.

"I am opposing everything which tends to increase the influence of the military in this country," he said. "I think that all increases in the size of the army have this tendency, and therefore, I am opposed to an increase in the size of the engineer corps, which is recommended by the War Department on the ground that so many engineers are engaged on river and harbor work that there are not enough to discharge the strictly military duties required of the corps."

Mr. Hay is also opposed to the Senate amendment proposed by the Senator from New York, which increases the pay of army officers who fought in the war between the States and have been retired.

A great many Richmond people were at the Capitol to-day, excursionists who came to the city on the Senator Ball trip yesterday. Many of them were in the galleries, but the most of them seemed to prefer going through the Capitol to listening to the debates, which were not very entertaining. It is not known how many of the excursionists were married, but it is usual for many who come with Mrs. Gill to enter the married state at the national capital. It is probable that the majority of the following Virginians, who have received marriage licenses since yesterday afternoon, were of her party.

Calvin W. Norris and Fannie B. Jones, both of King George county. Ralph N. Plorant and Bertie E. Kuhn, both of Alexandria. Thomas N. Buckels and Bessie Lee Schiff, both of Richmond. Robert W. Wood of Richmond, and Maria B. Bryce, of Chesterfield. William L. Yager and Emma H. Schultz, both of Richmond. Charles H. Watson and Clara Smith, both of Brook Va. Charles E. Keegan and Emma J. Klasing, both of Richmond. Elmo S. Redwood and Celeste P. Harlow, both of Richmond. Arthur S. Dodson and Abbie D. Dove, both of Alexandria.

Thomas N. Peterson the Winner. (By Associated Press.) PINEHURST, N. C., April 5.—The women's championship event in the United States and South Atlantic championship tournament ended to-day, Mrs. M. D. Peterson, of the Englewood, N. J., Golf Club, being crowned champion for the cup from Miss M. Eleanor Freeman, of the Mount Clair Golf Club, of New Jersey, five up and three to play.

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Wife of College President and Four Others Perish in the Sea.

(By Associated Press.) TAMPA, FLA., April 5.—Five persons, members of a pleasure party from the Florida Methodist College at Sutherland, were drowned near Anclote lighthouse last night. The dead are: Mrs. WALKER, wife of the president of the college. Miss O'CONNOR, of Atlanta. Miss SLAUGHTER, of Sutherland. Miss MURRAY, of Sutherland. Mr. BOULDER, of Sutherland. President Walker and Miss Newton reached the beach alive. The bodies of Mrs. Walker and Miss O'Connor have not yet been recovered. The bodies of the other three who lost their lives were washed ashore on the beach and recovered. President Walker had taken the party out for a cruise to the lighthouse, but met with rough weather; the boat was overturned in the gulf.

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SPLENDID ARGUMENTS

Attorney-General Anderson and Mr. Frank W. Christian Aibly Represent Virginia.

NOW WITH SUPREME COURT

Question Likely to be Decided on Matter of Jurisdiction of Federal Court.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—The argument of the suffrage cases from Virginia in the Supreme Court was concluded this afternoon.

Attorney-General Anderson, who began his argument yesterday, concluded to-day, and then Mr. Christian, associate counsel for the State, made his speech. Mr. Wise then concluded the argument in a short speech, and the court rose. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Christian returned to Richmond this afternoon. It is not expected that a decision of the cases will be long delayed, and both the Attorney-General and Mr. Christian are confident that the court will uphold the constitutionality of the suffrage clauses of the Virginia Constitution.

Mr. Anderson spoke an hour and twenty-five minutes to-day in completion of his speech, begun yesterday. He had previously covered in his argument the points raised by Mr. Wise as to the validity of the Virginia Constitution, because of the failure of the members of the convention to take an oath of office, and their action in proclaiming the Constitution instead of submitting it to popular vote.

Jurisdiction Phase.

He devoted some of his time to a discussion of the jurisdiction of the court, and then took up other features of the argument. Mr. Anderson said that the court appeared much interested in the point made by Mr. Anderson that eventually all intending voters stood on the same level, without reference to color or previous condition.

The Attorney-General made an exceedingly able argument, one of the best he has made in his professional career. At times he grew very earnest, but it was evident that he restrained his feelings, and he was calm throughout.

Wise Replies.

Mr. Wise made a short speech for the appellants, and the court rose. It was after 4 o'clock when argument was completed.

Some of the lawyers from among the members of Congress who heard the arguments this afternoon said the court would decide the case on a question of jurisdiction, and not on its merits, which they regretted, as they desired an opinion as to the validity of the suffrage provisions of the Constitution of Virginia and other Southern States.

James Hayes, the colored lawyer associated with Mr. Wise, did not address the court, but was one of the speakers at the mass meeting of colored people held at the Zion Baptist Church, in this city, last night. He made a very temperate speech. Representative Washington Gardner, of the Third Michigan District, a Republican, also addressed the negroes.

Base-Ball Scores Made Yesterday

At Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia 6, University of Alabama 0. At Birmingham, Ala.: Southern (National) 6, Birmingham Southern 5. At New York, N. Y.: Cornell 2, Chicago (test) 1; University of Virginia 2, Lehigh 0. At Montgomery, N. Y.: New York (National) 10, Montgomery Southern 7. At Durham, N. C.: Trinity College 6, Gettysburg 4. At Washington, Georgetown 3, Yale 0. At St. Louis, St. Louis (American) 2, St. Louis (Catholic) 2. At Raleigh, S. C.: S. A. and M. College 10, S. A. and M. College 0. At Philadelphia, Philadelphia (National) 2, Philadelphia (Am. repub.) 4.

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WHO WILL BE MAYOR?

SUBSCRIBERS OF THE TIMES-DISPATCH ASKED TO GUESS FREE TRIPS TO THE WORLD'S FAIR

TO THOSE WHO NAME THE NOMINEE AND GIVE THE NEAREST ESTIMATES OF THE VOTE.

Who will be the next Mayor of Richmond? Who can tell? How many votes will he receive in the primary? Who knows?

There is probably no municipal question so interesting to the people of Richmond just at this time as the mayoralty contest, nor is there any question so veiled in uncertainty. It would be interesting to poll the citizens of Richmond in advance of the primary election and thereby form some idea as to what public sentiment is in regard to Richmond's next Mayor. This is what The Times-Dispatch proposes to do, and to add to the interest of the plan

Five Valuable Prizes Will be Given Free.

The whole plan evolves itself into a guessing contest, for no one can possibly know what new developments in the mayoralty contest the next three weeks will bring forth. Therefore all can guess, and guess as often as is desired, and those who make the best guesses will receive the prizes.

The question is this:

Who Will be the Next Nominee of the Democratic Party for Mayor of Richmond?

and how many votes will that nominee receive in the primary election in which he is nominated.

To the person, whether a citizen of Richmond or not, who first guesses the name of the nominee and guesses the number of votes which he will receive, or guesses nearest to the exact number of votes,

The Times-Dispatch Will Give a Railroad Ticket Free from Richmond to St. Louis and Return and \$40.00 in Money for the Expenses of the Trip.

The trip can be made at any time during the St. Louis World's Fair. To the person guessing the next nearest to the exact number of votes received by the nominee and who names the nominee

The Times-Dispatch Will Give a Railroad Ticket to St. Louis and Return and \$20.00 in Money.

To the person who guesses third nearest to the exact number of votes received by the nominee and who names the nominee,

The Times-Dispatch Will Give a Railroad Ticket to St. Louis and Return and \$5.00 in Money.

To the fourth and fifth nearest correct guesses

The Times-Dispatch Will Give to Each a Subscription to the Daily and Sunday Times-Dispatch For One Year.

The right to enter this guessing contest is open to both

Old and New Subscribers and to Those in Richmond and Out of Richmond.

The out-of-town readers have just as good a chance to win as those who live in the city.

The news columns of The Times-Dispatch will from day to day give all the news of the mayoralty situation and those out of town can base their judgments on the reports in the paper just as if they were living in the city, for after all the city man depends upon his newspaper to keep him in touch with the situation.

The rules of this contest are few and simple.

Each ten cents paid on subscription to the Daily or Sunday Times-Dispatch will entitle the party paying it to one guess.

Fifty cents paid on subscriptions will give five guesses.

One dollar paid will give ten guesses and for \$5 fifty guesses or estimates will be allowed.

Present city subscribers can guess simply by calling at the office and paying up their subscriptions in advance for such length of time as they desire and they will be entitled to one estimate for each ten cents in money paid on actual subscriptions.

Present out-of-town subscribers can enter the contest by renewing their subscriptions by mail for any length of time, which they may desire and they also will be entitled to one guess or estimate for each ten cents so paid.

Those who are not now subscribers to The

The Contest Begins To-Day.

The primary will be held on the 26th of this month.

The Contest Will Close at 12 o'Clock on the Night of April 25th, and the announcement of the winners will be made just as soon as the official returns from the election are received

The Trips Can be Made at Any Time During Fair.

It will be readily seen that this plan is eminently fair to everybody. As yet no one even knows for a certainty who all the candidates will be and no mortal being can possibly say with any degree of accuracy how many votes the nominee, whoever he may be, will receive.

No one connected with The Times-Dispatch, either directly or indirectly, will be allowed to participate in this contest.

No estimate will be considered unless it is made out on or attached to a coupon cut from The Times-Dispatch.

There is no limit to the number of estimates which may be submitted by any one person, but

Address all letters plainly to MAYORALTY CONTEST, Care Times-Dispatch.

City subscribers can send in their guesses by mail, if it is more convenient, but money to pay up their subscriptions for a specific length of time must accompany the guess or guesses each time.

Remember 50c. gives five guesses and pays for one month; \$5 pays for a year's subscription out of town, and gives 50 guesses; \$0 pays for a year's subscription in town (carrier delivering), and gives 60 guesses.

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